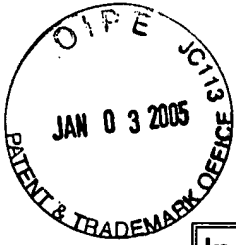


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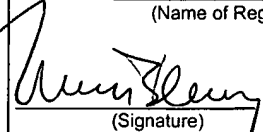
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This communication is in response to the Official Action of December 1, 2004, having a shortened period for response terminating January 1, 2005. Since that day is a holiday and the following day is a Sunday, a response is timely filed by January 3, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: